GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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WELFARE OF ANIMALS AND BIRDS
DALPAT SINGH PARASTE

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to set up a Special Trust to mobilise resources exclusively for the welfare of animals;

(b) If so, the details thereof along with the amount earmarked for the purpose;

(c) whether any syllabus has been prepared on the subject `how to manage zoological parks and care of birds`; and

(a) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The measure is proposed to augment the resource base through donations, contributions and bequests to be deployed for animal welfare activities. The process of formation of Trust is on.

(c) & (d) The Government of India have prescribed standard and norms on various aspects of zoo management.The Wildlife Institute of India has framed the syllabus for training of senior and middle level zoo managers on management of animals and zoos in the country. So far six courses each for the Senior and middle level officers have been held and 103 senior level managers and 111 middle level managers have been trained by the Institute.

Further zoos have also developed training syllabus to impart training to the zoo keepers in management and welfare of animals. So far 437 zookeepers have received such training.